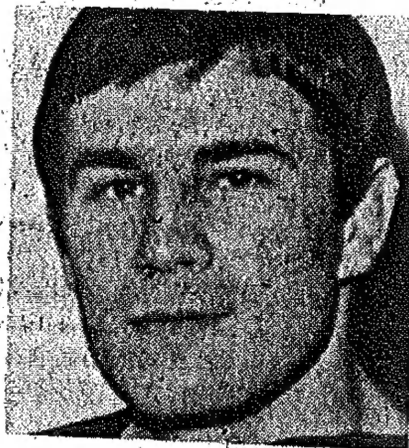


Maskell back as Baker limps off with swollen ankle



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**Southall 1,
Wycombe Wanderers 2**
BARRY BAKER, Wycombe Wanderers' talented right-half, limped off six minutes from the end of this bruising Wycombe Floodlight League Cup encounter on Tuesday evening.

Southall's inside-right Carpenter was booked for a very late tackle on Baker which caused damage to his right ankle. Seconds later home centre-forward Lavers also had his name taken after passing a remark to the referee about the incident.

With Len Worley unavailable Wanderers' front line was shuffled, allowing Steve Holmes to re-gain his left wing berth. This match also saw the return of goalkeeper John Maskell after serving his 14-day suspension.

Wycombe made all the early running and Horseman, at inside-right, went close with two efforts in the opening minutes, which Tony would have ordinarily converted.

After 11 minutes Wycombe went into the lead. Horseman pounced on a poor throw-out by 'keeper Brench and centred for Samuels to steer home.

POOR SHOOTING

As usual Wycombe were creating the chances in the 18-yard box but their old habit, which has been with them all season, of shoddy finishing was again apparent.

Wanderers should have been well in command by the time Southall equalised in the 23rd minute. King made a break down the left wing, with the Wycombe defenders electing not to commit themselves in midfield, and his cross-shot was deflected past Maskell by Rundle.

It took a peach of a goal from Viv Busby to settle the issue after 67 minutes. Merrick pushed a low pass through and Busby swivelled perfectly to fire into the top right hand corner past the startled Brench.

From this moment Southall's tackling became tougher and clumsy. Carpenter was fortunate to get away with only a warning for an ugly looking charge on Maskell.

However, he did not escape the next time which caused Baker to hobble from the field with a badly swollen ankle, to be replaced by Peter Martin.